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Joint Use

Assessment Instruments**General Resources****PSE-Specific Resources:**

- **Sample Policies**

Elements in this compendium may not be wholly SNAP-Ed eligible. Please consult the most recent SNAP-Ed guidance posted on both the NEOPB and USDA websites for the updated language on allowable activities using SNAP-Ed funds. Local health departments may work with other funding streams and organizations as needed to achieve community change goals and their Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) change objectives.

ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS

Checklist for Developing a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) – ChangeLab Solutions

This checklist is designed to identify issues for the parties to consider when developing a JUA to share existing facilities. Not all of the issues presented will be applicable in all situations, and there may be issues unique to communities that are not included in this assessment.

http://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/CLS_JointUse_checklist_FINAL_20120517_1.pdf

GENERAL RESOURCES

General Joint Use Information – Joint Use

This website shows how joint use is a way to increase opportunities for children and adults to be more physically active. It refers to two or more entities — usually a school and a city or private organization — sharing indoor and outdoor spaces like gymnasiums, athletic fields and playgrounds. The concept is simple: share resources to keep costs down and communities healthy.

<http://www.jointuse.org/>

Joint Use and Liability – ChangeLab Solutions

To assist school and government attorneys in assessing liability risks, NPLAN commissioned a 50-state survey of the laws governing liability for after-hours recreational use of school facilities.

http://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/documents/Overview_JointUse_Final_SP_20100713.pdf

Joint Use and State Law – ChangeLab Solutions

This is a Fifty-State Scan of Laws Addressing Community Use of Schools is a state-by-state overview of statutes about whether school property can be used by the community for recreation.

http://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/documents/JU_StateSurvey_FINAL_2010.03.19.pdf

Joint Use Best Practices – Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program

A success story on San Joaquin joint use of school grounds published by The California Endowment.

http://www.cultivalasalud.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/TCE_SuccessStories_JointUse_SJV.pdf

Joint Use School Partnerships in California – Center for Cities and Schools and Public Health Law & Policy

A research report that establishes an empirical understanding of the full range of joint use and how specific strategies fit into a larger picture of more efficiently and appropriately utilizing public school spaces for educational and community purposes.

http://media.cefpi.org/CCS_Partnerships.pdf

Obesity Prevention On A Budget: Low and No Cost Policy Options Toolkit – Leadership for Healthy Communities

This toolkit presents a range of budget conscious policy approaches that leverage existing resources and partnerships to reduce local obesity rates by increasing opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity.

http://www.leadershipforhealthycommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/obesity_prevention_on_budget.final_.pdf

Opening School Grounds to the Community After Hours – ChangeLab Solutions

This is a toolkit for increasing physical activity through joint use agreements. It shares lessons learned from successful agreements, offering guidelines and templates for other communities seeking to increase their own access to school recreational facilities.

[http://changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/CA_Joint_Use_Toolkit_FINAL_\(CLS_20120530\)_2010.01.28.pdf](http://changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/CA_Joint_Use_Toolkit_FINAL_(CLS_20120530)_2010.01.28.pdf)

Playing Smart – A Joint Use Toolkit – ChangeLab Solutions

This is a nuts-and-bolts guide designed to help school staff and other community leaders craft and implement joint use agreements.

http://changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/Playing_Smart-National_Joint_Use_Toolkit_Updated_20120517_0.pdf

Promoting PA through Joint Use Agreements – North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

This guide provides information for North Carolina school systems, school administrators, members of local government, parks and recreation staff, community based organizations, and community members on how to share physical activity resources through joint use agreements in North Carolina.

http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/PromotingPhysicalAct/Texts/Promoting%20Physical%20Activity%20through%20Joint%20Use%20Agreements_FINAL.pdf

Promoting PA through Shared Use of School And Community Recreational Resources – Active Living Research

This brief summarizes research on community access to school sport and recreation facilities outside of school hours, as well as studies that examine the shared use of school facilities and programs with other community groups or agencies. It also describes challenges commonly associated with the shared use of recreational facilities, and opportunities for policy-makers at the state and local level.

http://www.activelivingresearch.org/files/ALR_Brief_SharedUse_April2012.pdf

Shared Use of School Property – Public Health Law Center

Public Health Law Center compiled multiple legal and policy tools to help schools and communities overcome some of the obstacles to recreational use of school property by communities. These tools include joint use agreements, waivers and releases, liability insurance, clarifying state liability laws, amongst others.

<http://publichealthlawcenter.org/topics/healthy-eating/shared-use-school-property>

PSE: Joint Use Agreements-Sample Policies

Choose Health LA – School Wellness Policies

Seven school districts in LA County are advancing Joint Use Agreements aimed at increasing physical activity for students and families in their districts. Website provides model joint use agreements, examples of key partnerships and more resources.

<http://www.choosehealthla.com/live-healthy/safe-recreation/>

Maximizing Opportunities for PA through Joint Use Facilities – CA School Boards Association (CSBA) & CA Project LEAN

A policy brief published in 2009 with many resources, best practices and steps to develop a joint use opportunity during times of shrinking budgets.

http://www.californiaprojectlean.org/docuserfiles/JointUse_PolicyBrief%20%2809_2009%29%5B1%5D.pdf

Model Joint Use Agreements – ChangeLab Solutions

Recognizing that there are a number of ways to administer a shared use agreement, ChangeLab Solutions has developed four model shared use agreements that can serve as a template for communities that wish to open up school recreation facilities for after-hours use.

<http://changelabsolutions.org/publications/model-JUAs-national>

Sample Board Policy: Joint Use Agreements – CSBA

CSBA has a sample board policy on Joint Use Agreements. This sample board policy provides guidance for school districts to share the costs and risks of using school or community facilities with other entities.

http://www.csba.org/~media/Files/Services/PolicyServices/PolicyBriefs/201004_BP1330%201_JointUse.ashx

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